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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 September 2007.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**.                    2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1 and 3-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1 and 3-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
  1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

1. This action is responsive to the amendment and remarks filed on September 18, 2007.
2. Claims 1 and 3-9 are presented for examination and claim 2 is canceled.
3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. code not included in this office action can be found in a prior office action.

*Objection*

4. Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: claims 1 (lines 8, 14-15, 16-17, 21, 25, 28), “the client” should have been “the computer client”; Lines 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 19, 20, 22, 23, “the server” should have been “the computer server”; Claims 3, 4, 5 and 9 are objected for the same reasons as claim 1 above.

*Claim Rejections - 35 USC 103*

5. Claims 1 and 3-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Grun, U.S. Patent Application Publication 2004/0107304 (hereinafter Grun) in view of Brockway et al, U.S. Patent Application Publication 2005/0060367 (hereinafter Brockway) and further in view of “Official Notice”.
6. Grun was cited in the previous office action.

7. As per claim 1, Grun teaches a system comprising: a computer server ((0055)), comprising:

    a server application (inherent comprised in the host computer of fig. 1, (0004)) (e.g., kernel or OS);

    client-side software at the server (applications served as initiators in communication with host) in communication with the server application ((0043)) and generating operating instructions for an I/O device connected to a computer client ((0042), (0044));

    a client-side device driver (20, fig. 2) at the server controlling input-output control to a client-side I/O port controlling the I/O device connected to the client, based on the operating instructions from the client-side software at the server((0043), (0044)); and

    a virtual I/O port at the server interfacing with the client-side device driver at the server with an interface having same function as the client-side I/O port by transmitting an input-output control received from the client-side device driver at the server and informing the client-side device driver at the server of an event received from the I/O device connected to the client (fig. 2; (0042), (0043), (0050)) (channel adapter provides interface for data and message transfer between I/O drivers and I/O controller (inherently comprised I/O ports), which controls I/O devices at the I/O unit (i.e. I/O port at the client); and

    a computer client connected to the I/O device (fig. 2, 3 and 5; (0057)), the client comprising:

        a client-side device handler (22,26, fig. 2)in direct local area network communication ((0044)) with the virtual I/O port in the server (fig. 2) and receiving the input-output control from the virtual I/O port in the server and redirecting the event from the I/O device connected to the

client to the virtual I/O port in the server by transmitting the event to the virtual I/O port in the server ((0050),(0042), (0043)),

wherein the client-side I/O port controls the I/O device connected to the client according to the input-output control from the client-side device handler ((0042),(0043)) (it is inherent that I/O controller at I/O unit that controls the I/O device according to data and messages received by target channel adapter (device handler) to the I/O controller (fig. 2)).

8. Grun does not teach server application transmits an application processing result to the computer client. Brockway teaches wherein the server application (e.g., 66 of printing subsystem 64) transmits an application processing result (e.g., server configuration information, which is a result of the printing subsystem installation process) to the computer client ((0039)) based upon the event received from the I/O device connected to the client ((0038)) via the direct local area network communication ((0024)).

9. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Grun and Brockway because Brockway's teaching of server application transmits application processing result would enhance the processing of client and server in Grun's system by allowing client process to be offloaded to server-sided process.

10. Grun and Brockway do not specifically teach TCP/UDP socket communication. Official Notice is taken for both the concept and advantages of socket communication such as TCP/UDP is known and accepted in the art. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at